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Erected in 1818 by Don Francisco Avila, one-time Mayor of the Pueblo of Los Angeles, it is the oldest house in Los Angeles. Due to the political activities of Avila and his brother, the house was given the name of "La Casa Revolucionario", and was once used as a headquarters of Commodore Stockton in 1847 when Los Angeles surrendered to the American forces.

Originally twice its present length, and L-shaped, it was an example of the better ~~type~~ house of the period.

The house has remained in the possession of the Avila and Rimpau families since its construction, and is now owned by the Rimpau Estate Company of Los Angeles.

After the death of Dona Encarnacion Avila, widow of the builder, in 1855, the house was neglected for years, but has been restored by Mrs. Christine Sterling within the past five years.

Marion Parks "Doors to Yesterday" published by Los Fiesteros de la Calle Olvera, 1932. p. 5

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